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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2003, reconsideration of the application based on the following is respectfully requested:

**Amendment of Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper